



## Upcoming Intersection Work Along Pandora Avenue at Douglas and Blanshard

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VICTORIA, BC – Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians are advised that starting today the intersection of Pandora Avenue and Douglas Street will have travel lanes closed in preparation to dig trenches across Douglas Street to install underground utilities starting Monday. Advance signage is in place to advise both northbound and southbound motorists of the construction and help divert traffic to other roadways during the construction period.

The work is part of building Victoria's first protected bike lanes along Pandora Avenue, expected to be open to the public this spring. When the project is complete, it will include a two-way, physically protected bike lane with new traffic signals for bikes with a combination of on-street parking spaces, bollards, paint and planters used to separate the bike lanes from vehicle traffic. Construction started in the 500 block of Pandora in October and is moving east past City Hall and ultimately ending at Cook Street.

The work taking place today and tomorrow will cause some traffic disruptions, but the significant impacts to traffic are expected to take place starting on Monday January 9. The same process will take place the following week (January 16 – 20) at the intersection of Blanshard and Pandora. The work taking place is expected to take approximately one week at each intersection.

Flag-persons and signage will be directing vehicle traffic, cyclists and pedestrians moving through the intersections and some lane closures and turning restrictions are necessary in order to help safely control traffic. Some areas of the sidewalk may also be closed during the work, but there will be room for pedestrian and wheelchair access. Due to the nature of the work, some significant noise can also be expected.

The underground intersection crossings are necessary in order to complete electrical work that will support new traffic signals and street lighting being installed as part of the two-way protected bike lane.

The City of Victoria and its contractor, Brunnell Construction, have been working to minimize impacts during the course of the project. Local access is being maintained to businesses in the area and construction zones are clearly signed and as many travel lanes and access for pedestrians is being made available. The public is encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

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